



# Department of Commerce

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## The Washington State Energy Strategy 2010 Update and 2011 Full Revision

The Department of Commerce is leading an effort to revise the State Energy Strategy, Washington's comprehensive plan for meeting our future energy needs. An update will be produced by December 1, 2010, and a fully revised strategy will be developed by December, 2011. 2010 legislation (E2SHB 2658) directed the revision of the State Energy Strategy and declared that a successful strategy must balance three goals to:

- 1) Maintain competitive energy prices;
- 2) Foster a clean energy economy and jobs; and
- 3) Meet obligations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This effort represents an important collaboration between Commerce and many key stakeholders. Although language specifying the schedule, process, partners and advisory committee was not codified into law this year, Commerce will honor the process as originally intended in the legislation. We look forward to teaming with these partners to strengthen the strategy recommendations and implementation plan.

The State Energy Strategy must balance the three goals stated above. Additionally, E2SHB 2658 also specified *nine principles* that the strategy should follow:

1. Pursue conservation as the preferred energy resource
2. Ensure our energy system meets the needs of citizens, especially vulnerable populations
3. Maintain and enhance economic competitiveness
4. Reduce dependence on fossil fuels
5. Improve efficiency of transportation energy use
6. Meet green house gas limits and environmental requirements
7. Build on our clean electrical grid
8. Make state government a model
9. Maintain & enhance existing infrastructure

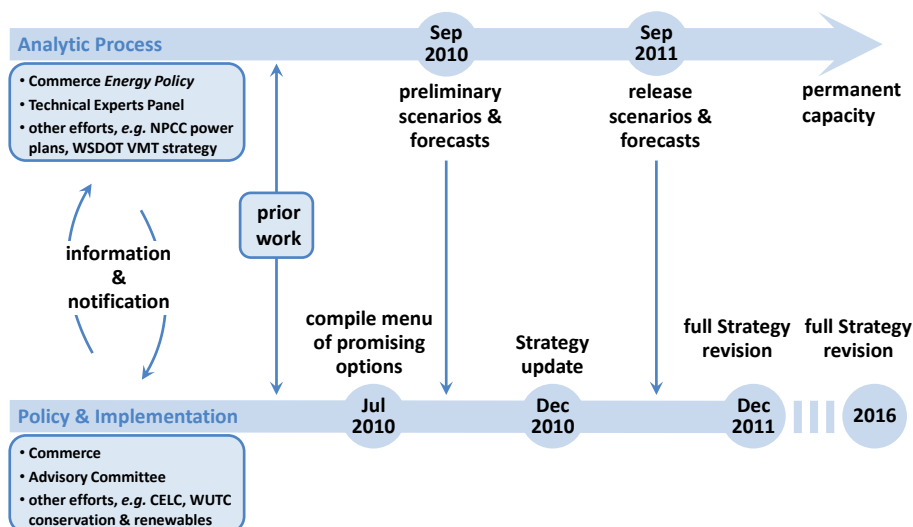
### Stakeholder Committees

Commerce will convene a Technical Experts Panel by May, 2010 to provide unbiased scenarios and forecasts that inform the State Energy Strategy and also to identify and help build long-term energy analytical capacity. Demand, technology and resource scenarios will be developed and evaluated in terms of price, risk and other variables.

An Advisory Committee will be established to counsel Commerce on State Energy Strategy policy and implementation recommendations. The Advisory Committee will represent a broad range of energy

interests, including energy generation, distribution, and consumption; economic development; and, environmental protection.

## The 2010-2011 State Energy Strategy Process



### How to Participate

In addition to the Technical Experts Panel and Advisory Committee processes, Commerce will regularly solicit and encourage input and feedback as both the State Energy Strategy update and the complete revision are developed. Information will be available on the project web site regarding past energy strategies, guiding legislation, advisory and technical committee activities and schedule of events.

The web-site is available at: [www.commerce.wa.gov/energystrategy](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/energystrategy).

A ListServ is available on the website for signing up to receive updates about the project, including opportunities to provide input. The website and ListServ are a key way to stay informed.

Potential recommendations for the State Energy Strategy will be shared widely, including presentations at meetings and events involving key stakeholder organizations. At least one public hearing will also be held to present proposed recommendations and to receive comments before submitting each of the reports.

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